

Living in God's Amazing Grace: Faithful and Bold

Indiana-Kentucky Synod Assembly 2008 – June 5-7

Lexington Convention Center, Lexington, Kentucky

About the assembly

- On-site assembly check-in begins at 12:00 p.m. (EDT) Thursday, June 5. The first plenary session begins at 2:00 p.m. that afternoon, and the Sending Eucharist will wrap things up by about noon on Saturday, June 7.
- We will meet at the Lexington Convention Center, Lexington, Kentucky (<http://www.lexingtoncenter.com/>).
- Theme: “Living in God’s Amazing Grace: Faithful and Bold”
- Musicians: Dakota Road (<http://www.dakotaroad.com/>)
- Special focuses:
 - Introduction of “Every Person a Missionary (EPAM),” a major multiple-year focus on empowering, equipping and encouraging every person affiliated with every synod congregation to live as a missionary in daily life.
 - A listening post regarding the developing ELCA social statement on sexuality, led by churchwide staff.
- Plus celebrative dinners, great music, fellowship-rich receptions, inspiring and informative breakout sessions, and all the other aspects of assembly that help us to be the church in assembly – living in God’s amazing grace: faithful and bold!

Dates to keep in mind as the assembly approaches

- Feb. 20 **On line assembly registration opens:** www.regonline.com/synodassembly08
- March 7 Annual Reports due to the synod office from synod staff, officers, committees, ministries, institutions
- April 4 Breakout proposals due (include title, paragraph description, and presenter information)
- April 11 Nominations due; **early registration discount ends**
- April 18 Requests for Lunch Conversations due; Celebration of Ministries booth reservation request forms due
- April 21 Resolutions from congregations, committees due
- May 4 Last day of guaranteed sleeping rooms and rates at the Hyatt Regency Hotel**
- May 6 Pre-assembly Bulletin of Reports and other information mailed on CD-ROMs to registrants
- May 19 Last day of guaranteed sleeping rooms and rates at the Radisson Plaza Hotel**
- Pre-assembly registration ends;** mailing of pre-assembly materials will cease after this date
- May 21 Nominations and resolutions from conferences due
- May 23 Deadline for 800 copies of pre-approved materials for information packet sent to Faith Lutheran, Lexington

*Registration for the assembly will be done online this year. This registration opens **Friday, February 15.** In addition, the Bulletin of Reports, which contains materials like assembly agenda, 2009 budget and various reports will be sent to voting members in electronic format on CD-ROMs.*

See the document “From Binders to Bytes” for details about these changes.

Hotel Sleeping Room Reservations

Hotel reservations must be made directly with the hotels, in addition to and separate from your Synod Assembly Registration.

Two hotels are offering excellent rates for the assembly. The Hyatt Regency is attached to the Convention Center and will also host the Synod Council meeting and Recognition Luncheon. The Radisson Plaza is across the street from the Convention Center and, should the weather not cooperate, the hotel is also connected to the center by a pedway that involves some stairs and a walk of about one block passing through the Hyatt. See detailed information for each hotel below.

To make reservations, contact either hotel directly via the special assembly Web sites listed below. If you call the hotels to make reservations, you will need to mention the “Indiana-Kentucky Synod Assembly.” You will also be able to follow a link to hotel reservations through the assembly registration Web site. Please expect to guarantee your reservation with one night’s prepaid room and tax on a credit card. Please note that the two hotels have different rates and “release dates,” the date after which room rates and availability will not be guaranteed. It is imperative that room reservations be made before these dates in order to receive the assembly rates.

Hyatt Regency Lexington (\$99.00; release date: Sunday May 4)

401 West High Street

Lexington, Kentucky 40507

(859) 253-1234, (800) 233-1234

<http://lexington.hyatt.com/groupbooking/lexrlinky2008> (Easiest and preferred way to make reservations)

Parking: self-park (outside, across the street) – free for registered guests; valet parking – \$12/night

Radisson Plaza Hotel Lexington (\$95.00; release date: Monday May 19)

369 West Vine Street

Lexington Kentucky 40507

(800) 333-3333, (859) 231-9000

<http://www.radisson.com/ELC> (Easiest and preferred way to make reservations. Please note: choosing the rate, “Evangelical Lutheran Church” will provide the rate above; choosing “Evangelical Lutheran Church – plaza” will upgrade your room to the Plaza Club level at a discounted rate of \$120.00.)

Parking in an adjacent/connected parking garage is complimentary for registered guests of the Radisson.

Hotel check-in time is 3:00 p.m. at both hotels. You may store your luggage at your hotel until your room is available. There will be a break from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Thursday during which those who have not yet done so may check in.

The Assembly Needs Volunteers!

Do you know someone who would like to volunteer to serve as a greeter, registration staff, page, booth area attendant, or other important role during the assembly? Perhaps a spouse who is accompanying a voting member or a member of your youth group who'd benefit from an assembly? Contact Assembly Planning Team Chair Jan Philpy (gphilpy@indy.rr.com) to sign up!